

# Town of Uxbridge Warrant for Annual Town Election May 23, 2023

### WORCESTER, S.S.

To either of the constables of the Town of Uxbridge, in said county;

#### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at 62 Capron Street in said Uxbridge, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 7:00am until 8:00pm, then and there to bring in their votes for the following town officers:

One Board of Selectmen Member, Two School Committee Members, One Finance Committee Member, Two Library Board of Trustee Members, One Thayer Fund Trustee Member, One Trustee of Soldiers Memorial Member (Veteran), One Trustee of Soldiers Memorial Member (Non-Veteran), One Town Moderator, One Board of Health Member; all for three years;

One Thayer Fund Trustees Member for two years;

Two School Committee Members, for One year;

#### Ouestion 1:

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the May 10, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would establish a merit and fitness principle in the appointment and promotion of Town officials and employees. A YES vote would add language to the Charter mandating that all appointments and promotions be made based on merit and fitness, with such standards to be demonstrated by examination and other evidence. A NO vote would make no change to Charter regarding Town appointments and promotions.

## Question 2: Appointment of Human Resources Professional

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the May 10, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would add to the list of positions appointed by the Town Manager the office of Human Resources Professional. A YES vote would amend the Charter to specifically authorize the Town Manager to appoint a Human Resources Professional. A NO vote would make no change to the Town Charter.

## Question 3: Online Posting of Town Documents and Notices

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the May 10, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would mandate that certain documents be posted to the Town website, including: minutes of town meetings and board and committee meetings, proposed budgets, public hearing notices, rules and regulations, bylaws, vacancies in Town offices, certain organizational plans, and lists of Town officers. A YES vote would amend the Charter to require Town officials to post to the Town website the specified documents and notices. A NO vote would make no changes to the Charter or current posting requirements.

## Question 4: Deadline for Annual Town Meeting Citizen Petitions

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the October 25, 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would change the last date to file citizens petitions with the Board of Selectmen from the 60<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of the Annual Town Meeting, to the <u>last business day</u> at least 60 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting. This question would not affect Special Town Meetings. A YES vote would clarify that citizen petitions for the Annual Town Meeting must be filed no later than the last business day at least 60 days prior to the meeting. A NO vote would make no change to Charter or the deadline for submitting citizen petitions for the Annual Town Meeting.

# Question 5: Use of Gender in Town Charter

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the October 25, 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would replace current text stating that words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender, and vice-versa, with text stating that words importing a specific gender shall include any gender. A YES vote would amend the Charter to establish that references to a specific gender shall include any gender. A NO vote would make no changes to the meaning of gender references in the Charter.

## Question 6: Minimum Membership on Multi-Member Regulatory Bodies

Shall this Town approve the charter amendment proposed by the October 25, 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting, as summarized below?

This proposed amendment would insert a definition of a "regulatory body", require that regulatory bodies of the Town consist of at least five members, and increase the Board of Health from 3 to 5 members. A YES vote would amend the Charter by inserting a definition of the term "regulatory body", set at 5 the minimum number of regulatory board members, and increase the size of the Board of Health from 3 to 5 members. A NO vote would make no changes to Charter with regard to the size of regulatory bodies and would not increase the size of the Board of Health.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at Town Hall, one at the Uxbridge Post Office, one at the North Uxbridge Post Office, one at the Linwood Post Office, and one at the Dept. of Public Works on Hecla Street at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

I have posted attested copies of this warrant as directed by the warrant.